Our Lady of the Black Hills

August 22 & 23, 2009 – 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Liturgy and Prayer

Sunday Liturgy: Saturday, 5:00 pm; Sunday, 9:00 am and 6:00 pm
Daily Liturgy: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday, 8:00 am
Morning Prayer: Following Daily Liturgy
Eucharistic Adoration and Reconciliation: Wednesday, 6:00 to 7:00 pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday, 3:30 to 4:30 pm
Taize Prayer: First Sunday, 7:30 pm

Gatherings of Grace

Our parish has an intergenerational model of faith formation called Gatherings of Grace. All generations meet together the second Wednesday of each month, September through May.

Bulletin Announcements

Please email to bulletin@olbh.org by Tuesday noon for the following Sunday bulletin.

As we prepare for our Parish Feast Day, please contemplate and pray over this article.

September 8 ~ Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Church has celebrated Mary's birth since at least the sixth century. A September birth was chosen because the Eastern Church begins its Church year with September. The September 8 date helped determine the date for the feast of the Immaculate Conception on December 8 (nine months earlier).

Scripture does not give an account of Mary's birth. However, the apocryphal *Protoevangelium of James* fills in the gap. This work has no historical value, but it does reflect the development of Christian piety. According to this account, Anna and Joachim are infertile but pray for a child. They receive the promise of a child that will advance God's plan of salvation for the world. Such a story (like many biblical counterparts) stresses the special presence of God in Mary's life from the beginning.

St. Augustine connects Mary's birth with Jesus' saving work. He tells the earth to rejoice and shine forth in the light of her birth. "She is the flower of the field from whom bloomed the precious lily of the valley. Through her birth the nature inherited from our first parents is changed." The opening prayer at Mass speaks of the birth of Mary's Son as the dawn of our salvation and asks for an increase of peace.

Comment: We can see every human birth as a call for new hope in the world. The love of two human beings has joined with God in his creative work. The loving parents have shown hope in a world filled with travail. The new child has the potential to be a channel of God's love and peace to the world.

This is all true in a magnificent way in Mary. If Jesus is the perfect expression of God's love, Mary is the foreshadowing of that love. If Jesus has brought the fullness of salvation, Mary is its dawning.
Birthday celebrations bring happiness to the celebrant as well as to family and friends. Next to the birth of Jesus, Mary's birth offers the greatest possible happiness to the world. Each time we celebrate her birth we can confidently hope for an increase of peace in our hearts and in the world at large.

Quote: "Today the barren Anna claps her hands for joy, the earth radiates with light, kings sing their happiness, priests enjoy every blessing, the entire universe rejoices, for she who is queen and the Father's immaculate bride buds forth from the stem of Jesse" (adapted from *Byzantine Daily Worship*).

This entry appears in the print edition of **"Saint of the Day".**

Growing and Celebrating through the Teachings of Jesus Christ

This Week at Our Lady of the Black Hills

Monday, August 24
St. Bartholomew, apostle
Revelation 21:9b-14; Psalms 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-19; John 1:45-51 (red)
8:00 am: Daily Liturgy (Intention: For Jonette Murphy's Birthday)
6:00 pm: Gatherings of Grace Core Team Meeting
7:00 pm: Pastoral Council

Tuesday, August 25
St. Louis of France, St. Joseph Calasanz, priest
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8; Psalms 139:1-3, 4-6; Matthew 23:23-26 (green/white/white)
8:00 am: Daily Liturgy (Intention: For All Souls in Purgatory)
10:30 am: Staff Holy Hour
4:30 pm Lumko Group
7:00 pm: Boy Scouts

Wednesday, August 26
1 Thessalonians 2:9-13; Psalms 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab; Matthew 23:27-32 (green)
8:00 am: Daily Liturgy (Intention: Healing for those who have been affected by sexual abuse)
9:00 am – Noon: Food Pantry
6:00 pm: Adoration & Reconciliation
7:00 pm: Financial Peace University

Thursday, August 27
St. Monica
1 Thessalonians 3:7-13; Psalms 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17; Matthew 24:42-51 (white)
8:00 am: Daily Liturgy (Intention: For Bob Weaver's Birthday)
10:00 am: Staff Meeting

Friday, August 28
St. Augustine, bishop and doctor of the Church
1 Thessalonians 4:1-8; Psalms 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12; Matthew 25:1-13 (white)
No Daily Liturgy
8:30 am: Women's Lumko Group

Saturday Morning, August 29
Memorial of the Martyrdom of St. John the Baptist
1 Thessalonians 4:9-11; Psalms 98:1, 7-8, 9; Mark 6:17-29 (red)
8:00 am: Daily Liturgy (Intention: For Tom Ryan)
9:00 am – noon: Food Pantry
10:00 am Cub Scouts Picnic
3:30 – 4:30 pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday Evening, August 29
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8; Psalms 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5; James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 (green)
5:00 pm: Sunday Liturgy (Intention: For Our OLBH Community)

Sunday, August 30
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8; Psalms 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5; James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 (green)
9:00 am: Sunday Liturgy (Intention: For improved health of Regina Palmer and blessings on the whole family)
10:00 am: Coffee Hour Hosted by the Van Asma Family
6:00 pm: Sunday Liturgy (Intention: For the Repose of Frank Keller)

Intercessory Prayers
Life and Health Concerns:
Fr. Jack Birdsall, Joe Creek, Don Konechne, Curt Kosters, Sharon Long, Fr. Mark McCormick, Joni Osnes, Mary Ann Pulaski, and Jim Wranek
Repose:
Frieda Helm & Jack Smith

Collection Report
August 15 & 16

Loose	$ 2034.00
Envelopes	1293.00
Votive	3.40
Student	55.61
Other	796.50
Total	**$ 4182.51**

Mass Ministry Schedule

Aug. 29 & 30	5:00 pm	9:00 am	6:00 pm
Bread Baker	Becky Wentz	Coffee Hour: Van Asma Family	
Altar Servers	Katie Strand Tyler Trautman Jessie Gray	Caitlin Wilson Olivia Lyle Chris Van Asma	Hannah Schroeder Liam Schroeder Kevin Chamberlain
Precious Body	John Wang	Ken Van Asma	Jan Schurman
Precious Blood	Jacqui Blaha Bethany Ehersmann Beth Ann Ferley Cathy Wang	Dean Antonsen Mary Antonsen Jean Schubauer Larry Williamson	Lorinda Collings Judy Nelson Teresa Thompson Bernadette Usera
Lectors	Steve Colgan Sue Colgan	Kathy Van Asma Pat Suiter	Tom Collings John Usera
Sacristans	Cindy & Craig Thompson	Frank & Donna Boner	Brad & Tanya McCaskell
Ushers	Jayme Hunt Reggie Hunt	Duane Schubauer Joan Wilson	Robert Dyczek Kevin Rohrbach
Choir	OLBH Choir	Regina's Minstrels	The Covenant

Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast
The Knights of Columbus will host another of their delicious Pancake Breakfasts, along with a Bake Sale, on September 13th from 9 to 11 am, during the Ministry Fair. Pancakes, sausage, eggs, apple sauce, juice and coffee will be served. Free will donations for the breakfast to benefit the Food Pantry will be appreciated.

What Are the Bishops Saying About Health Care Reform?
To read the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' position on health care reform, go to the home page of the diocesan Web site at www.rapidcitydiocese.org and click on the health care reform graphic. The graphic is linked to a new, comprehensive resource that features facts and statistics about Catholic health care in the U.S., Frequently Asked Questions, and ways to get involved in the health care reform issue.

For the Ride Home

By Ted Bergh

Scripture

- As for me and my household, we will serve the LORD." (Joshua 24:15b)
- The Lord is close to the brokenhearted; and those who are crushed in spirit he saves. (Psalm 34:19)
- and the two shall become one flesh. This is a great mystery, but I speak in reference to Christ and the church. (Ephesians 5:31b,32)
- Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God." John (6:68,69)

Reflection

- Pick a verse or phrase from today's readings. Keep the phrase close to your heart today. Be quiet and rest in peace with the Word.
- Leave all thoughts and activities behind for five minutes to be open to God's presence.
- How do you become one with Jesus?

It is the Spirit of God that must teach us who Christ is and form Christ in us and transform us into other Christs. After all, transformation into Christ is not just an individual affair: there is only one Christ, not many. He is not divided. And for me to become Christ is to enter into the Life of the Whole Christ, the Mystical Body made up of the Head and the members, Christ and all who are incorporated in Him by the His Spirit.

(Thomas Merton – *New Seeds of Contemplation* – p. 156)

From the Pro-Life Commission

"Lord Jesus Christ, you know the pain of brokenness, you took our weaknesses upon your shoulders and bore it to the wood of the cross. Hear our prayers for our brothers and sisters whose bodies failed them and whose minds are crippled by the ravages of disease. Implant a love for them deep within our hearts, that we, disfigured and disabled by our sin, may treasure and nurture the gift of their lives. May we find you in their weakness, and console you in our care for them. For you are Lord, forever and ever. Amen."

Prayer for Those with Profound Disabilities, Hope and Trust in Life! Respect Life 2008-2009 Liturgy Guide, USCCB. www.usccb.org

Amazing Grace

An Update from Hope for New Life Jail Ministry

What does grace feel like? Can we see it? Touch it? One particularly grace-filled place is found in one of the most unexpected locations...the Pennington County Jail. The members of Hope for New Life Jail Ministry strive to meet people "where they're at" spiritually. Some of these inmates have Catholic backgrounds while others may have grown up with no religion at all (or anywhere in between). Yet, the choice to attend our programs often proves to be a response to answer a "knock at one's heart."

The opportunity to witness and share another person's yearning for faith becomes a moment to experience the presence of the Holy Spirit. The strength of our God is perhaps made best known by the simplest of prayers—to know Him and to be known, to request protection for loved ones, to offer thanksgiving for a source of hope and forgiveness.

As always, we encourage you to include the intentions of the prayer requests from those we serve at the jail. Thank you for your continued support! To learn more about Hope For New Life Jail Ministry, contact Tony Galles (348-2301) or Mary Sperlich (342-9343).

Rachel's Corner

"I feel relieved to know that I am not the only soul suffering in such deep sorrow after my abortion. Rachel's Vineyard is a life-changing event! I am so happy I came! - Testimony after a **Rachel's Vineyard Retreat™**

Change your life --- attend a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat™. The next retreat will be held in Richardton, ND August 28-30, 2009. Contact Carol Kling for information about area retreats at 605-374-5639 or ckling@sdplains.com or go to the diocesan website: www.rapidcitydiocese.org/Ministries/FamilyLife.htm. For more information, contact the national office at 877-467-3463 or www.rachelsvineyard.org.

Ministry Fair!

This year our Ministry Fair will be held on September 12th & 13th in the Parish Hall downstairs. You will have an opportunity to meet representatives of the 40 some ministries active at Our Lady of the Black Hills. The Knights of Columbus will also be having a pancake breakfast on Sunday morning, so come and enjoy breakfast too. Further information will follow.

Diocesan/Area News

Common Sense Parenting Class

Thursday, September 10th, will be the first meeting for a new Common Sense Parenting six week class. The course offers parents practical ideas and techniques for raising happy, well-adjusted children. For care-givers (parents, grandparents, step-parents, significant others) of children ages five and up, it focuses on the parent/child relationship and stresses the important role care givers play as guides to their children. The classes will meet from 6:00-8:00 pm at 1st Presbyterian Church, 710 Kansas City St., Rapid City. Optional free meal provided at 5:30. Free child care from infant on up and adventure group for pre-teens/teens. For more information, or to register, call Catholic Social Services 1-800-727-2401 or 348-6086. To inquire via email send questions to: css@rapidnet.com.

Ladies, mark your calendar!

Annual Diocesan Women's Retreat - October 23-25, 2009. This year's retreat, "Biblical Women - Guides to the Kingdom of God", will be held at Outlaw Ranch, Custer, SD and directed by Fr. Mark McCormick. Watch your bulletin for more information or call Family Life Ministries, 605-343-3541.

Encountering Life Alone

Beginning Experience® Level 1 Separated & Divorced Support Group, "ENCOUNTERING LIFE ALONE" Are you recently separated or divorced? Are you struggling with the pain and loneliness? Healing can begin with the next the nine-week session of the support group. The group starts at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 10th at St. Therese the Little Flower Church in Rapid City. The group is non-denominational and open to all Christian men and women who are hurting due to separation or divorce. Pre-registration is requested! Registration fee is $25.00; need-based scholarships available. For more information and to pre-register, call Jill at Family Life Ministries, 605-343-3541.

Heal Your Grief

This Bereavement Support Group is an eight-week non-denominational support group for anyone grieving the loss of a loved one. The group begins at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, September 28th at Blessed Sacrament Church, 4500 Jackson Blvd., Rapid City. Please come early to register! For information or to pre-register call Janece Rieman, 605-343-5547 or Family Life Ministries, 605-343-3541.

OLBH Parish News

The Gift of Talking

If you are in high school and like to talk, maybe you have the gift of lectoring! We would love to have high school youth lector during any of the weekend liturgies. There will be lector training for you following the 6:00 p.m. Mass on Sunday, August 30th. Please call or email the office to sign up!

OLBH Scripture Study

In a change of plans, we will be studying The Gospel According to Luke beginning mid-September. You may choose to attend Thursday evenings or Friday mornings. This Little Rock Scripture Study course will run for twelve weeks and we will follow up with The Acts of the Apostles after Christmas. The cost for materials is $24. To register or for more information, please contact Betsy Van Asma in the office by September 3rd. We hope you will join us as we learn about the compassionate and universal mission of Jesus found in The Gospel According to Luke (the upcoming Liturgical Year C).

Middle and High School Weekly Gatherings Start Soon!

Edge (middle school youth) and Life Teen (high school youth) start Sunday, September 27th at 4:00 pm. with Mass following at 6:00 pm. For more information to register or help, please contact Teresa Thompson, 787-5168.

Perpetual Exposition & Adoration of the Holy Eucharist at Our Lady of the Black Hills will begin Friday September 11th, Patriot's Day, at 8:00 am with Holy Mass. Adoration will continue throughout the day and night until Saturday September 12th at 2:00 pm, closing with benediction. Although your intensions can be for anything as you pray before Our Precious Lord, the intensions will be for Our Country and for the children, their parents, and teachers as they return to school. To make this work we need everyone to sign up for a time period. It is necessary to have at least a couple of people praying before Jesus the entire time. Signup sheets are in the Narthex.

Is God Speaking To You!

Do you have that voice from within always telling you that you should try something new or do you feel that you want to help out someway but just don't know how? There are many opportunities at Our Lady of the Black Hills for you. We are always looking for help with our faith formation programs and I have put a table in the Gathering Area with a variety of signup sheets ways you could help. In fact, our ministry relies on people like you to make the Youth Ministry and Gatherings of Grace successful! Please take a look at the table and if you have a talent or ideas in how you can help and don't see it on the table, give me a call! I would love to hear from you! ~Teresa Thompson

Mark your calendars for our PARISH FEAST DAY!

Last year we asked the parishioners which Marian Feast Day we should celebrate as our parish feast day and the decision came to the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. We will celebrate this day on Tuesday, September 8th at 6:00 p.m. We will gather to learn and have a meal together as a community and have Mass at 7:30 p.m.

YES - Youth Engaging Scripture Hosted by Our Lady of the Black Hills

The Diocese of Rapid City has invited Saint Mary's Press to present a diocesan-wide, one-day "YES!" Congress on the Bible to train teams of teen peer leaders and their adult mentor. Catholic teens want to know how the Bible relates to their lives. "YES!" is a simple process of reading, reflecting, and acting, and it aims to transform young people's lives for life. If you are in high school and are interested in attending this workshop, please call Teresa Thompson at 787-5168.